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REMARKS

Claims 13-28 are pending in the application. No new matter has been introduced.

Regarding Section 102 Rejections

Claims 13-18, 20-24, and 26-28 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Simon (U.S. Patent No. 4,064,508).

The present invention provides a method for temporarily disabling an alarm system. The alarm system includes at least two alarm units coupled to each other to form the alarm system and a remote switch device providing power to at least two alarm units. The switch device includes an actuator for temporarily cutting off the power supplied to the at least two alarm units for a predetermined length of time. Additional actuators can be coupled to the first actuator for providing an alternate location for temporarily interrupting the power supplied to each alarm unit.

Simon provides a single alarm unit (control station 12) and one or more remote supervisory stations 18, each remote station including maximum supervisory control as well as remote indications concerning the status of the control station 12. The remote stations 18 include a key switch 22 and an indicator light 20. The key switch 22 permits the control station 12 to be "enabled" or "disabled" at any remote station 18. The indicator light 20 provides four distinct visual indications concerning the status of the alarm system.

The remote stations 18 do not function as alarm units because they cannot provide and alarm condition. Rather, the remote stations 18 provide only supervisory control and function in a similar manner to that of the actuators of the present invention. Further, Simon does not have a switch remote from the alarm unit (control station 12) for providing power to the control station 12. (See Simon, col. 1, line 56 through col. 2, line 42; and Figs. 1 and 2).

Simon does not teach, suggest, or otherwise make obvious "at least two alarm units coupled to each other to form the alarm system; and a switch remote from and coupled to each alarm unit, the switch for providing power to each alarm unit, the switch including a first actuator for temporarily interrupting the power supplied to each alarm unit" as claimed in Claim 1 because Simon does not coupled at least two alarm units to each other to form the alarm system

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and does not include a switch remote from the alarm units for providing power to the alarm units. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of Claim 13. Claim 20 includes similar limitation as Claim 13 and is allowable for the same reasons. Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the rejection of Claims 13 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. 102.

Claims 14-18 depend from base Claim 13 and 21-24 and 26-28 depend from base Claim 20 and are allowable for the same reasons. Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the rejection of Claims 14-18, 21-24, and 26-28 under 35 U.S.C. 102.

35 U.S.C §103(a) Rejections


Claims 19 and 25 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Simon in view of Subulak et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,313,110).

As argued above, Simon does not teach the limitations of base claims 13 and 20. Claims 19 and 25 depend from base Claims 13 and 20, respectively and are allowable for the same reasons. Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the rejection of Claims 13 and 25 under 35 U.S.C. 103.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

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